

O. D. CLOTH TO HAVE WIDER SPECIFICATIONS

Thirty-two-Ounce Overcoating Rules Give Manufacturer More Leeway

THREE TYPES OF FABRIC

Shirting Flannel Also Is Heavier and of Much Greater Strength Than Before

Of particular interest to the mills are the details of the new specification recommendation of the board of inquiry for the new heavy olive drab cloth and blankets for the United States army. These specifications, it is generally felt, are assured of approval by the Secretary of War, and the general staff virtually as they stand.

The specifications recommended by the board in its report to General Good follow, in summary:

Material to be single or two-ply stock or yarded olive drab. The warp to be cotton with a single, twisted filling, olive drab mixture, half-blood or flax. The whole content of cotton is not to exceed 40 percent of the finished weight.

A sample for color will be submitted as usual, and a close match must be made.

Tests are: Roll for ten minutes in solution of eighty grains of oleum soap, the regular army issue, to one pint of water; roll ten minutes in solution of ten grains dry carbon of soda to one pint of water; expose to weather for thirty days after which cloth must show no further change than the Government sample submitted.

The width of the cloth is to be not less than fifty-four inches and not more than fifty-six, excluding selvage, and the weight should be not less than nine and one-half ounces per linear yard.

Weave: four-harness twill, two up and two down, thread, 20 and 22, and 24, four to the inch in the filling, and the same in the warp.

Finish should be of same degree and character of the sample, thoroughly clean, free from creases, nap slightly raised, slightly abraded and well pressed.

Strength should be sufficient to sustain not less than fifty pounds per inch in the warp and thirty-five in the filling.

Material, warp of two-ply worsted, not lower than 46 or domestic quarter-blood; filling two-ply worsted, not lower than 50-56 or domestic three-eighths blood olive drab mixture.

The tests for color and overcoating should be the same as for the shirting.

The width has limits of fifty-six to fifty-eight inches, and weight nineteen to twenty-two ounces, and one-half ounce, warp to be four-harness twill, two up and two down, but others may be considered where fabric is sufficiently strong and compact. The material must support 100 pounds to the inch in the warp and eighty-five in the filling.

Material, two-ply worsted warp, not lower than 46 or domestic quarter-blood; filling 70 percent wool not lower than 50, 50 percent cotton and 50 percent wool. Threads, 50 and 48. Strength, 75 pounds and 48 pounds. Other specifications as to foregoing.

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Woolen yarn, composed of 55 percent 44 or finer, 40 percent 58s or finer, 35 percent reworked wool or noils. Maximum residue on boll out, 2 1/2 percent. Not exceeding 10 percent cotton and 5 percent mixture may be added. Weight, 22 to 24 ounces. Weave, six-harness broken twill, three up and three down. Threads, 45 and 38. Strength, 80 and 65 pounds. Other specifications as to foregoing.

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If his information to positive and correct, that any police official is guilty of bribery, it is his patriotic duty to communicate the facts to the United States District Attorney. He cannot, therefore, be expected to get an unbiased report from the former directors, Dripps and Porter, who were voted out of office so recently by a 60-40 majority.

Lieutenants' Denial

Denial was made by Lieutenants Hearn of the Eleventh and Winter streets station, and Lieutenant Lawson of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station of the charities in the report.

They declared that only a few days ago officials of the Philadelphia Navy Yard told them they were well satisfied with the report they made for keeping the men out of the Tenderloin.

A chief petty officer's patrol has been established at every corner and corner of the district, said Hearn, "from the corner of Market and 11th to the corner of Market and 15th. It is impossible for any man in uniform to enter the area between those corners. Lawson said sailors do come in the district in the day time, but they patronize the boarding houses in the district. Lieutenant Hearn said that 500 arrests had been made in the district since last December.

United States District Attorney Francis E. Kane said that the Federal record was true, and that a state of infancy existed in the Tenderloin district.

Asked if he had plans to abolish liquor in Philadelphia, Mr. Kane said he had certain plans, but could not divulge them just now.

The statement of the Federal officials contains an intimation that unless the conditions complained of are immediately remedied orders will be issued for the closing of the Tenderloin district. That such protection can be provided has been demonstrated to be practicable in municipalities in every part of the country, Philadelphia included, alone among the large cities of the United States, has failed to meet the requirements of the War and Navy Departments in respect to this matter.

Liquor is sold in a large majority of them, Mr. Fodick continues, in the report. Many admit men in uniform and most of the houses situated in the negro section of South Philadelphia cater almost exclusively to sailors. These houses are run so openly and investigations have been so comprehensive and long extended, that I can state with confidence that they enjoy police protection, for which money is paid to the police.

Moreover, the report continues, women ply the main streets of the city in large numbers, and do so by permission of policemen, who are easily strong and compact. The material must support 100 pounds to the inch in the warp and eighty-five in the filling.

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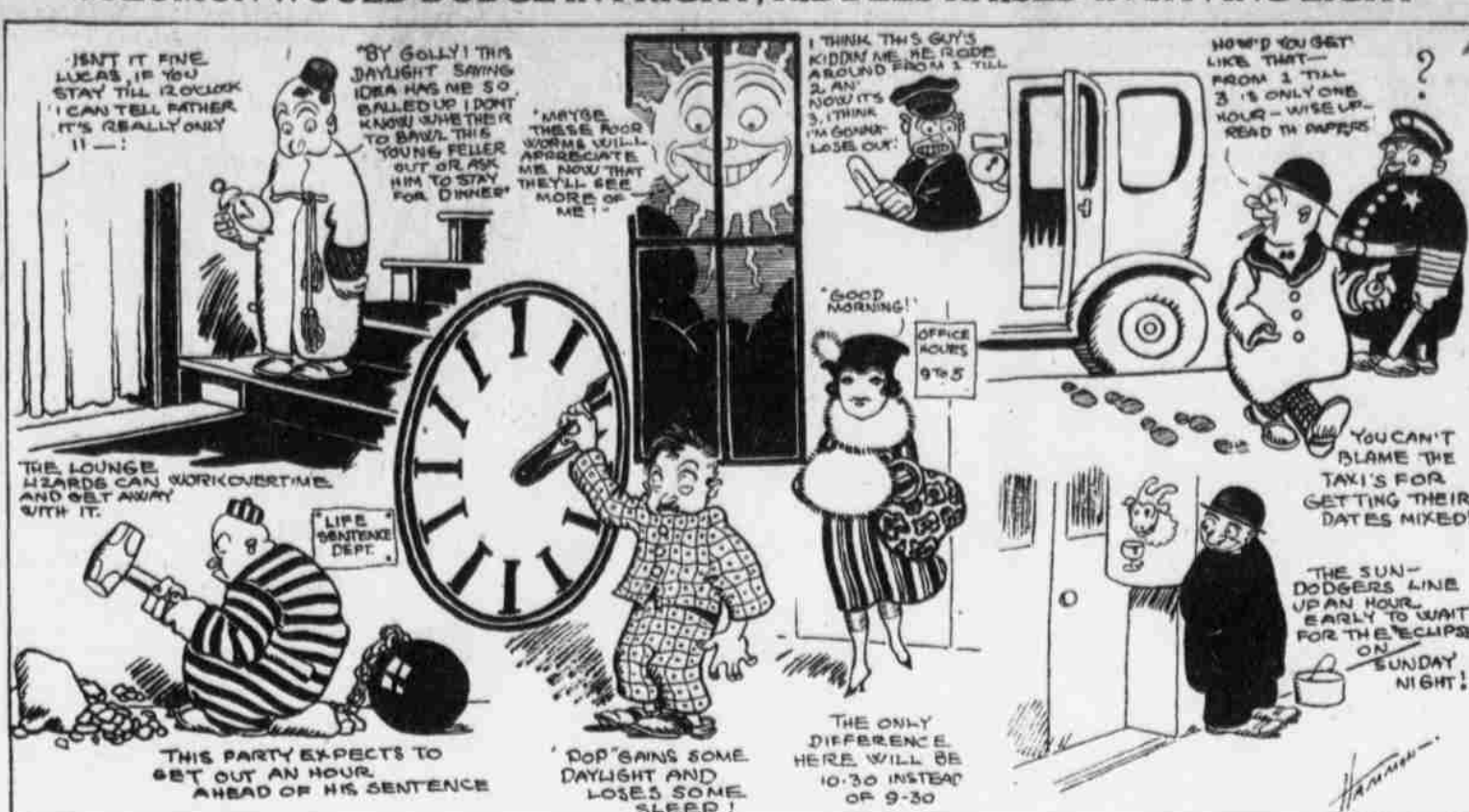
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SOLOMON WOULD DODGE IN FRIGHT, RIDDLES RAISED IN SAVING LIGHT



HUGE BUILDING SLUMP IN MARCH DUE TO WAR

Decrease More Than \$2,000,000 for Month and \$6,000,000 for Quarter

Reports of building activities in Philadelphia during March show a decrease in value of property permits of more than \$2,375,790 from March, 1917, while the difference between the first quarter of the two years is more than \$6,000,000 in favor of 1917.

This decrease is due, according to contractors and building experts, to the war and its effects on transportation and labor. Not only is it a matter of greater magnitude. In the selling of a few weeks ago something like 2000 cases of the new crop changed hands, but during the buying of the last week, 6000, possibly 7000, cases were disposed of. So far as known no big packings were sold, the transactions being in numerous small packings.

The labor shortage is one of the most serious problems confronting the building industry. With shipyards and other war plants offering lucrative wages, skilled mechanics are being lured away from jobs formerly held under local contractors. This applies also to structural steel and iron workers and to skilled labor generally. With the approach of warm weather a still more vigorous drive is being made for laborers to work at the big shipyard and munition plants.

The Government has also asked that building operations wherever possible be cut down to the minimum. This has had its effect on building activities here. The Government has also asked that the railroad shipments of materials and supplies, and it is problematical if a contractor will receive a shipment within anything like the time promised when goods leave points of supply for this city.

Reports for March, 1918, and for the same month of 1917 show a total of 472 permits issued during the current month, as against 717 last year. Operations for March, 1918, were 588, as against 1148 in 1917. The value of permits for March, 1918, is placed at \$1,094,835, and for 1917 at \$3,470,425.

For the first quarter of 1918 permits totaled 1441; operations 1134, with a total valuation of \$3,371,210; and for a similar period of 1917 total permits amounted to 1669 and operations to 2374, with valuation is placed at \$9,543,374.

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LANCASTER TOBACCO MEETS HEAVY BUYING

New York Dealers Surprise Growers by Purchasing 6000 Cases of 1917 Crop

LANCASTER, April 1.—It has been said with truth that in the tobacco business it is the unexpected that happens most frequently. The trade had hardly digested the information that Lancaster leaf packers had in their possession about 10,000 cases, or about one-eighth of this country's 1917 tobacco crop, and had settled down to the belief that the sale of a few weeks ago on packings in this city was not likely to be repeated, when another sale of some 6000, possibly 7000, cases were disposed of. So far as known no big packings were sold, the transactions being in numerous small packings.

The goods were purchased by New York dealers. No cigar manufacturers were among the buyers, unless agents were among those who got the goods. As the goods are to be placed on the market again, the price paid was not made public, which is regrettable, as it would be highly interesting to know what caused tobacco that had cost the original packers anywhere from twenty-five to thirty cents a pound would sell for. The dealers declare that a year from now this crop will stand the price of old grades, all the 1916 tobacco of Lancaster County has been selling only around forty-three cents a pound. Late prices have stiffened a bit on all old tobacco, and forty-six cents is now demanded.

JAPAN'S ZINC INDUSTRY AT HIGH-WATER MARK

The high water mark in the development of zinc mining and refining in Japan has been reached since the outbreak of the present war, and the zinc first mined in Japan, issued in 1897, but even as late as 1911 the output was only about 10,000 tons. The output of the zinc industry in Japan has been a large scale until 1911. The rising output of zinc in Japan has been a large scale until 1911. The rising output of zinc in Japan has been a large scale until 1911.

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WILL BEGIN PLAY TODAY FOR NORTH AND SOUTH

Norman H. Maxwell Will Not Defend His Title in Pinchurst

Pinehurst, N. C., April 1.—The North and South amateur championship will open at Pinehurst today with the playing of the first eighteen holes of the thirty-six hole qualifying round. About 150 golfers are entered, and two courses will be used for each round. Norman Maxwell is not on hand to defend his title.

The latest entries include Dr. Witt and George E. Balch, of Cincinnati; Dr. C. H. Gardner, of the Agawam Hunt Club, of New York; and Arthur Yates, of Oak Hill, and Allan Lord, of Chevy Chase.

MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE DEADLOCK IS BROKEN

Agreement Reached on Budget Bill, Which Will Pass Today—Many Measures Due

Annapolis, Md., April 1.—With only one more day of the session remaining the General Assembly still has a mass of bills before it in both houses and many of them after having passed one house will die in the committees of the other.

There is remaining little to fight for since the House and Senate agreed on the budget bill. It was late Saturday when the report was submitted in both houses the report on the joint conference committee on the amendment to the budget bill was agreed to by the House and the Senate.

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